

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 472

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A RESOLUTION urging the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority to pursue energy efficiency efforts.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has the highest rate of residential per capita electricity usage in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is the largest publicly-owned electrical utility in the country; it currently provides power to 8.7 million customers; and

WHEREAS, large scale energy conservation efforts can cost half the amount of a new plant; and

WHEREAS, energy conservation can easily meet and exceed the growing demand for electricity in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, TVA successfully used energy efficient means of creating power in the 1970s to supplant the need to build new power plants; and

WHEREAS, consumption of nonrenewable sources of energy contributes to water and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, conservation of energy and the use of renewable sources of energy reduce our dependence on, and the impact of, the consumption of nonrenewable energy sources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby urges the Tennessee Valley Authority to make large-scale efforts to pursue energy efficient means of producing power and to consider such energy efficient means when addressing the growing demand for electricity in the Tennessee River valley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we further urge the TVA to increase the generating capacity of clean, renewable sources of energy, such as wind power, solar power, and other such sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the board of directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority with this final clause omitted from such copy.